

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A replacement sheet for the originally filed drawing sheet 21 (of 28 total sheets), corresponding to FIG. 22b2, is attached to this amendment. Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter is introduced by way of this replacement sheet and that this replacement sheet is in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.84.

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 10, 22, 24, 28-32, and 38-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 10, 22, and 24 are independent. The remaining claims depend directly from claims 10, 22, and 24.

Claim Amendments

Claims 10, 22, 24, 40-42, and 45 are amended for clarification. Applicant respectfully asserts no new matter is added by way of these amendments. Applicant believes that these amendments should be approved and entered without necessitating a withdrawal of the application from allowance.

Drawing Amendments

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Drawing Deficiencies

The Examiner contends that FIG. 20 is missing. *See* Notice at page 3. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's contentions. Applicant respectfully asserts that FIG. 20 may be found on originally filed drawing sheet 13 (of 28 total sheets).

The Examiner contends that there are two drawings labeled as FIG. 22b1 (*i.e.*, original drawings sheets 20 and 21). *See* Notice at page 3. A replacement sheet for original drawing sheet 21, corresponding to FIG. 22b2, is enclosed with this amendment. The replacement sheet correctly identifies the drawing as FIG. 22b2.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully asserts that no new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicant believes that these amendments should be approved and entered without necessitating a withdrawal of the application from allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 94.0016; 09469/157001).

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Enclosure (Replacement Sheet for FIG. 22b2)